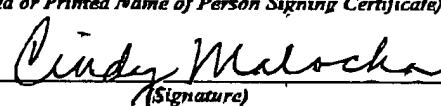


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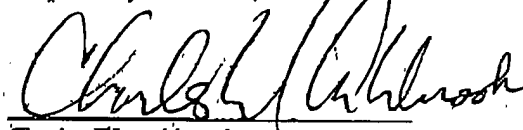
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Washington, D.C. 20231**Transmittal of a Response to a Restriction Requirement**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a response relating to the above-identified patent application.

No fee is required.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

June 1, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action issued in the captioned patent application on May 9, 2001, Paper No. 7.

Claims 1-15 were presented for examination. The Examiner has set forth a six-way requirement for restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has asserted that proposed Groups I-VI constitute separate and patentably distinct inventions. Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement and courteously request the Examiner to reconsider the basis for restriction, and at the very least to modify the requirement.

Applicants respectfully assert that, at the very least, Groups V and VI should be considered together. Group V is Claims 13-15 drawn to isolated porcine polypeptide, and Group VI is Claims 13-15 drawn to isolated human polypeptide. Both groups are classified in the same class, and the same subclass. While Groups I-IV are admittedly classified in different classes and subclasses, this should not dictate that restriction is proper, since classification is merely for convenience as an aid in searching. What is

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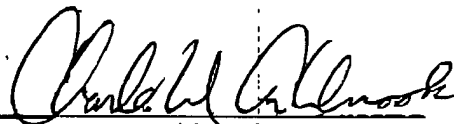
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more important, is that all of the claims deal with a single polypeptide type, namely the calcium channel $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit, and processes for its preparation and isolation.

Accordingly, the skilled artisan would expect all of the current Claims 1-15 to constitute a single invention.

In order to be totally responsive, however, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group VI, Claims 13-15, drawn to isolated human polypeptide. Applicants urge the Examiner to, at the very least, combine Groups V and VI into a single case. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on any subject matter that might subsequently be cancelled from the present case.

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